The Bernice Weissbourd Legacy Circle

Family Focus and You
Your Legacy, Today and Tomorrow
The mission of Family Focus is to promote the well-being of children from birth by supporting and strengthening families in and with their communities.

Promoting Healthy Child and Family Development since 1976

Nearly 50 years ago, Family Focus was founded on the break-through principle that the way to nurture children is to strengthen families. Every family needs and deserves help, support, and access to resources.

Combining knowledge about child development, family systems, and the impact of communities on families, Family Focus has grown into a nationally-recognized social service organization serving children and families throughout the greater Chicago region by:

- **Helping parents** to establish positive relationships, including attachment to a child; capacity to cope with stresses of daily life and proactively access resources and support.

- **Building social connections with** friends, family members, neighbors, and others who provide emotional support and assistance to parents and families.

- **Educating families** with accurate information about child development, appropriate developmental expectations, and knowledge of “best practice” parenting techniques.

- **Supporting children’s social and emotional development** to increase a child’s ability to interact positively with others and communicate his or her emotions effectively.

Your participation in the *Bernice Weissbourd Legacy Circle* will ensure that programs that have achieved success will continue to change lives for generations to come.

The Department of Children and Family Services tracks the number of families reported to DCFS who are re-reported again the following year.

Only 1% of Family Focus participants referred by DCFS are re-reported, compared to the Illinois average of 32%.
Select the Donation Amount Right for You

Whether you choose to donate a percentage of your estate, a gift of stock, or one of many planned giving options, you will be joining the Family Focus community of donors dedicated to ensuring that critical programming continues to nurture children and families.

Thank You!

Types of Planned Gifts

Bequests and Estate Plan Gifts
A designation to Family Focus in your will or trust costs nothing during your lifetime and makes an impact in perpetuity. Gifts can include a provision in your will or living trust or by naming Family Focus as a beneficiary of a retirement plan or life insurance policy.

Life Income Gifts: A life income gift allows you to support Family Focus while providing yourself or others with tax benefits as well as income for a period of time before Family Focus is permitted to use your gift. There are several kinds of life income gifts:

Charitable Gift Annuities: In exchange for an outright gift, Family Focus agrees by contract to pay a guaranteed fixed amount each year to you and/or another beneficiary for life.

Charitable Remainder Trusts: You establish a trust from which you and/or other beneficiaries receive fixed or variable annual payments for life and/or a term of years. At the end of the term, the remainder of the trust assets go to Family Focus for the purposes you designate.

Other Types of Gifts:

Gifts of Life Insurance: You can donate a life insurance policy to Family Focus or simply name Family Focus as the beneficiary.

Charitable Lead Trusts: A charitable lead trust can help you avoid estate taxes on trust assets passing to your family. An annual payment is made to Family Focus for a period of years, and at the end of the term the remaining assets go to children or other beneficiaries.

Please consult your attorney and your financial advisor to determine what type of gift best suits your personal and financial circumstances.

Continue Your Annual Fund Gift In Perpetuity

Through a gift to the endowment, you can be sure that the yearly gift you have been making to Family Focus will continue to be received every year forever. Endowments can be established with an initial gift of $2,500:

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* Based on the current interest rate (4%) used by The Chicago Community Trust.
Family Focus is proud to announce that our endowment and planned gift programs are being managed by The Chicago Community Trust. For more than a century, The Chicago Community Trust has been a leader in providing residents an opportunity to support their community for years to come.

Currently, the Trusts’ consolidated assets total $2.28 billion. Trust advisors can provide expert counsel on charitable gifts, including bequests, life insurance policies, retirement accounts, charitable trusts and charitable gift annuities to ensure that your legacy wishes are honored.

Family Focus Programs

**Home Visiting**
Trained staff visit the homes of participants to support early childhood development

**Early Childhood Development**
Providing parents with training and tools for school readiness

**Trauma Support for Young Children**
Counseling for families with children from zero to five impacted by violence at home or in the community

**Fatherhood**
A 12-week curriculum and support group providing tools, skills and support to help men be involved fathers

**Teen Pregnancy Prevention**
Programming to provide sex education and support for teens

**School and Center-Based Youth Programs**
School-based academic and cultural activities including summer camp programs

**Early Literacy**
Reading workshops for parents and teachers with multicultural children's books

**Health and Nutrition**
Programs educating parents on healthy behaviors for themselves and their children by connecting families to healthcare institutions and providers

**Parent Leadership**
Helping parents learn to advocate for their children in the school system, assist in classrooms, and advocate in the community

Family Focus Centers

Aurora
DuPage
Englewood
Evanston
Lawndale
Highland Park
Nuestra Familia (Hermosa/Cicero)

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For additional information on Family Focus and the Bernice Weissbourd Legacy Circle, please contact Steve Majsak, Senior VP of External Relations at 312-777-1923 or by email at steve.majsak@family-focus.org.

Family Focus is a 501(c)3 charitable organization (EIN # 36-2884042). Contributions to Family Focus are tax-deductible to the extent provided by law.